



FPC Herald

May 2026



Office Hours

Tuesday: 9am -2pm
Wednesday: 10am -3pm
Thursday: 10am -3pm
Friday: 9am-2pm

3 In-Person Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

5 Mission Committee, 6pm
Worship and Music Committee, 7pm

9 Spring Work Day. 9am

10 Music Sunday In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

12 Deacon Meeting, 6pm

16 Children's Dress Rehearsal and End of Year Party, 10am

17 Children's Musical In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

19 Session Meeting, 7pm

24 In-Person Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

30 Youth Group End of Year Overnight

31 In-Person Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall or Watch Live Online, 10am

Dear Friends,



I was never into history for a big part of my life. For the most part, I thought it boring, and had little impact on my life. That feeling changed when I was in college.

Attending St. Joesphs College in NY to finish up by bachelor's degree, I took a course in Eastern Europe history. The nun teaching the class was not one of those nuns that was sequestered to a convent. In fact, most of the nuns at the college were out in the world, working and serving their communities. This nun had done much traveling to Europe and knew history inside and out. Best of all, she knew the stories behind history. I eagerly looked forward to each class when she would reveal bits of information about historical figures.

The next times were while in seminary.

When I took Presbyterian Church polity, the professor, Bill Chapman, knew the Book of Order and the history behind it as if he was there. Like the nun, he knew the stories behind the story. One day his wife visited the class, and she encouraged him to tell a story, and I told her that he did not need encouragement at all. His stories came naturally. His stories brought a boring subject like church polity to life.

The third time was when I took Old Testament. The Professor showed us how to read the Old Testament so that the stories made sense. Under her guidance, I learned that the history of the Hebrew people and the prophets ran parallel to each other that to understand the story, they had to be read together.

The fourth time was when I took Church History. The professor was so excited about church history that he would jump around the classroom. The desk was on a platform in the room and so I often hoped that he would not fall off it with all his exuberant movements.

I was reminded of this when I took time to watch some videos created by a pastor in Louisville, KY who did a series on the Book of Confessions. It was not just classes of what the confessions teach us, but the stories behind why they were written in the first place. The pastor spoke of the heroes of the faith who stood up against opposition to state what they believed about God, Jesus, and the Holy spirit. He also spoke of the politics of the time, and the role the monarchies played in the history of the church.

Thus, I have gained a new appreciation for the men and women who have come before me. Their stories teach us about who we once were, who we are today, and the possibilities of who we can become in the future. We need to study these people so that we can understand ourselves better.

I hope that as we approach the 250th anniversary of our country, that you will take the time to learn from history. Take the time to study the events, but the people behind the events, how they lived, and what they believed to be right and true. I will be posting resources following this article on the website, and maybe you will hear of opportunities we will offer at our church. God bless us one and all.

I thank God for you,

Pastor Kathy Nealand



SAVE THE DATE*Mark your calendar!!!**
BABY SHOWER for Beth Orin on Sunday, June 14th after Worship.
Beth and Colin will welcome their baby girl early in July.
Plan on joining us for brunch and baby fun on the 14th.



THANK YOU

Thank you from the Kids!

As the Children finish up their Mission projects for the year, they wanted to say a big thank you to the congregation for your donations through the year. If you still want to donate books for the April project the bin will be out until May 10th. Their Thursday Night mission will be to protect the Earth. They will be making bird feeders and other Earth friendly activities.

Celebrating Membership

Below is a list of current members who have joined our church in May's past.

Kristen Abouelseoud 5/12/2002
Judi Armstrong 5/4/2003
Emma Baker 5/4/2011
Katie Baker 5/4/2011
Christian Ball 5/11/2005
Kyle Ball 5/21/2006
Michael Ball 5/2/1971
Sara Ball 5/12/2002
Claren Bannow 5/3/1959
Gary Barello 5/20/2014
Linda Barello 5/20/2014
Diana DuChene 5/17/1964
Martha Dugdale 5/27/2007
Fred Eveningred 5/14/1972
McKenna Fisher 5/20/2014
Megan Fisher 5/4/2011
Zach Fuller 5/20/2014
Anthony Ghandour 5/20/2014
David Henderson 5/31/1998
Samantha Henderson 5/30/2023
Tammy Henderson 5/31/1998



Peggy Huntington 5/19/1957
Jake Huttenlocher 5/20/2014
Barb Jung 5/17/2016
Derek Jung 5/17/2016
Kenny Jung 5/30/2023
Jake Landuyt 5/11/2008
Aubree Leitch 5/30/2023
Gavin McHugh 5/20/2014
Mary Miller 5/21/2024
Nora Pijanowski 5/29/1966
Irena Politano 5/17/2011
Jeanne Purvis 5/23/2004



ATTENDANCE

April Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
April 5- 84	22
April 12- 68	19
April 19- 42	22
April 26- 63	21



Our Service Men & Women

Stephanie Dixon, Army
 Crestview FL
 Michelle Dixon, Army
 Colorado
 Ashley Dixon, Army
 Puerto Rico
 Daughters of Glenn and Pam Dixon

Sam Heaton, ANG
 On Deployment
 Son of Pastor Dan and Kim Heaton

Sean Heffernan, CG
 Grandson of Sue Heffernan

Prayer List

Please keep the people listed in your daily thoughts, and remember them with a card, phone call and prayers of encouragement.

Assisted Living or Long-Term Care

Irma Black
 Mary Murphy

Those we are keeping in Our Prayers

Loretta Martin
 Lou Emerick
 Gary Henderson
 Nancy Ventimiglia
 Claren Bannow
 Fred Binning
 Jeanne Ledingham

May Birthdays



1	Justin Huttenlocher
1	Audrina Guldmond
4	Jeff Anderson
4	Judy Ball
5	Gary Barello
5	Karrie Glassford
12	Arlene Rood
13	Austin Politano
18	Peggy Huntington
22	Kristen Abouelseoud
24	Bob Wilson
26	Michael Ball
28	Steven Thebo
29	Derek Jung
30	Linda Barello

Weekly Announcements

Sunday Worship Details

In-Person Worship and Live-Streamed Services on Sundays at 10am. To watch online, key in fpcmtclemens.com, click the worship tab, then live stream.

This Sunday we continue a new sermon series: "The Cup of Freedom" with "Freedom to Love." Communion will be served.



New Work Camp Fundraiser!

Help support our Youth Group and get a cool new cup. The Youth group will be taking orders starting this Sunday during the Youth coffee bar. Mother's Day orders are due by May 3, all others due by May 10th. You can contact the office for more details.



Scholarship Applications Now Available

2026 Scholarship applications for graduating seniors are now available in the office. Applications are due by May 18..



Mark your calendars for May 9th

Our annual Church Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, May 9th from 9am-noon. Please come and help, many hands make light work!



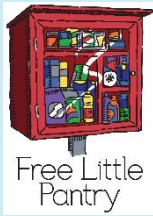
New Children's Mission Project for MAY

This month the children will be having a Spare Change Drive. There will be jars available for your spare change to benefit Vacation Bible School.



Every Friday!!

Every Friday morning, the men of FPC get together in the parlor to talk about what's happening in the church, what's going on in their lives, and solve the world's problems. Other church men are welcomed to join them at nine!



Our Free Little Pantry is always in need of restocking! You can help by donating food, toiletries, even socks are needed. For food donations please bring items that do not need extra ingredients and are easy to open. Many of those who are blessed by this food do not have access to can openers and extra ingredients.

Our Free Pantry was built and decorated by our wonderful youth and kids. There is a box located by the north door where you can drop off your donations



Stay in the know on what's happening

To see events happening in the church and Family life center, you can view the Church Calendar via our website, or by clicking the tab below If you have any questions, contact the office at 586-465-0461, or email office@fpcmtclemens.com.



Our Church Elders



Our Church Deacons

Session Class of 2026

- Mike Ball, Building, Property & Technology
- Martha Fisher, Personnel
- Patty Lange, Memorial
- Kenny Jung, Worship & Music

Session Class of 2027

- Becky Ball, Worship and Music
- Gary Cynowa, Mission
- Ken Schmidt, Finance

Session Class of 2028

- Kristen Abouelseoud, CE
- Barb Jung, CE
- Steven Thebo, Technology

Clerk of Session: Jane Ethier

Deacon Class of 2026

- Pam Kurtz
- Kyra Hickey
- Beth Orrin

Deacon Class of 2027

- Judi Armstrong
- Gloria Cynowa
- Evelyn McKenzie

Deacon Class of 2028

- Mary Jane Marino-Bratke
- Diana Lozen
- Jay Lozen

Deacon Moderators

- Beth Orrin
- Judi Armstrong